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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Pierre-Louis Desir

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this

Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claim 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yi et al. (Yi) (European Patent No. 0961457) (cited by applicant).

Referring to claim 1, Yi disclosed a hinge module (figs 1-7) for mechanically connecting a main body to a folder in a portable radio terminal (portable phone), comprising a hinge shaft having an angled portion on one end and a shaft on another end opposite the angled portion for rotating with the folder (i.e. rotating together with folder) (see abstract and figs. 5-6); a hinge cam facing the hinge shaft and having a pair of angled portions on the surface of the hinge cam facing the hinge shaft, a valley portion between the angled portions, a fixing post along a rotating axis, and a guide protrusion for facilitating sliding of the hinge cam with respect to the hinge shaft while restricting rotational movement of the hinge cam (i.e. the hinge cam valley portion is engaged with the other portion of the hinge shaft in such a fashion that it slides straight in a rotating axis direction) (see abstract; col. 10, lines 13-23, lines 26-32, and fig. 6), each angled

portion having a gentle slope and a steep slope that are asymmetrical sidewise; a hinge spring disposed along the rotating axis and having one end connected to the fixing post of the hinge cam, for providing restoring force to the hinge cam (i.e. the spring force of the hinge spring is applied in the rotating axis direction; also, the hinge spring is provided to urge the hinge cam toward the hinge shaft); and a hinge housing for sequentially holding the hinge shaft with one end of the hinge shaft protruded, the hinge cam, and the hinge spring (i.e. a hinge shaft, a hinge cam, and a hinge spring are installed in the hinge housing in the direction of a rotating axis in sequential order) (see col. 9, lines 12-15, and figs 4-6).

Referring to claim 2, Yi disclosed a hinge module, as noted above, wherein when the folder (i.e. flip cover) is raised; the angled portion of the hinge shaft runs over the steep slopes of the angled portions of the hinge cam (i.e. when the hinge shaft rotates along with the flip cover, the hinge cam slides along the hinge shaft) (see fig 6 and col. 11, lines 10-13).

Referring to claim 3, Yi disclosed a hinge module, as noted above, where the hinge module further comprising a hinge cover coupled to the hinge housing for protecting the hinge shaft, the hinge cam, and the hinge spring (i.e. the hinge cover is assembled to the hinge housing in order to protect the hinge shaft, hinge cam, and hinge spring) (see col. 9, lines 18-20).

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Pierre-Louis Desir whose telephone number is 703-6054312. The examiner can normally be reached on 0800-1630.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David R Hudspeth can be reached on (703) 308-4825. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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